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## City of Scottsdale PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

### Approved Summary Minutes

5:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 19, 2011  
City Hall Kiva  
3939 Drinkwater Blvd., Scottsdale, AZ

**Present:**

Chairman Koczka  
Vice Chair Harry Schlegelmilch  
Commissioner Jeanne Alspaugh  
Commissioner Gene Dafoe  
Commissioner Anne Wurth

**Absent:**

Commissioner Robert Frost  
Commissioner James Duchene

**Staff Present:**

Jan Cameron  
Hugh McGill  
Tim Barnard  
Terry Erickson  
Don Davis  
Jeff Fritsch  
Erin McKallor-Quill  
Sunny Nakagawa

**Guests Present:**

Phil Weddle  
Scott Hamilton  
Jeremy Dye

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Koczka called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Kiva.

2. ROLL CALL

A formal roll call was taken with members present as stated above.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

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4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Regular Meeting, October 5, 2011

**Motion by Vice Chair Schlegelmilch to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 5, 2011, as written; second by Commissioner Alspaugh.**

**Vote: Minutes approved unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0).**

5. BROWN'S RANCH TRAILHEAD UPDATE

Phil Weddle, Architect with Weddle Gilmore Architects, and Scott Hamilton, Preserve Planner, provided an update for the design of the Brown's Ranch Trailhead in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.

Mr. Hamilton provided an explanation of the purpose and the history of the preserve, which currently includes 142 miles multi-use, non-motorized existing trails and 56 additional miles in process or the planning phase. The Brown's Ranch Trailhead will be located ¼ mile off of Alma School at Dynamite. The next community meeting will be held October 24, with construction scheduled to start in the spring/summer of 2012 and the trailhead opening in spring 2013. Mr. Hamilton also discussed the planned amenities.

Mr. Weddle, provided information on the design of the trailhead and discussed what influenced the design decisions, which included the broad vistas, the unique ecology, the history of the area, and the granite boulder formations that exist at this sight.

Answers to questions and comments from the Commission followed the presentation, which included:

- ▶ Total CIP budget for the Brown's Ranch Trailhead is \$2.6 million.
- ▶ The policy of the Preserve not having traditional park amenities stems from the ordinance, which explains that the preserve was established as an open space passive recreational area, which means mountain biking, hiking, horseback riding, and rock climbing.
- ▶ An appreciation of the design's alignment with the original history and character of the land, and the equestrian accommodations.
- ▶ The plans include a half mile, barrier free, interpretive trail.
- ▶ Amphitheatre activities will include educational speakers.
- ▶ The Gateway has 320 parking spaces, Lost Dog Wash has 100, and Brown's Ranch will have 200 parking spaces.
- ▶ The amphitheatre's seating capacity at Brown's Ranch is comparable to that at the Gateway.
- ▶ The distance from the nearest homes to the parking area is approximately ¼ mile, with the trailhead another 700-800 feet from that; because of the topography and design, the trailhead will not be visible to the neighboring residences.

6. PROCLAMATION FOR LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL

Hugh McGill, Parks and Recreation Manager, presented information on the National Lights on After School event in which 1 million Americans and more than 7,500 communities celebrate the afterschool programs that keep our kids safe, inspire learning and help working families. Mr. McGill went on to report that studies show that children participating in after school programs have better school attendance, enhanced academic achievement, reduced juvenile offending, while promoting public safety and positive child development. Mr. McGill then requested the Commission to sign a proclamation in support of the Lights on After School event on October 20, 2011.

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**Motion by Commissioner Alspaugh to approve the Commission's support of the National Lights on After School by proclamation; second by Vice Chair Schlegelmilch.**

**Vote: Motion passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0).**

Chair Koczka then read the proclamation aloud.

**7. EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM UPDATE**

Mr. Jeremy Dye, Street Operations Manager, provided an overview of the Emergency Response Program, reporting that there are 15 members on the Emergency Response Team that come from Street Operations, Parks and Recreation, and Facilities Management. The team is available 24/7 and 365 days a year. They respond to street related emergencies, including vehicle accident debris clean up, flooding and downed trees.

Mr. Jeff Fritsch, Maintenance Worker III, provided information on recent Emergency Response Team activities, including the in-house creation of training videos; the Work Zone Awareness Video was given the Gold Award for an educational video for municipal training by the American Video Awards Committee.

Comments from the Commission followed the presentation, which included:

- ▶ Appreciation of how quickly the response team gets out and takes care of emergency situations and the collaboration of several departments working together to achieve safety for the city.

**8. SUMMER 2011, YOUTH PROGRAMS UPDATE**

Erin McKallor-Quill and Sunny Nakagawa, Recreation Coordinators, provided the Commission with an overview of the summer 2011 Youth Programs, Summer Camp and Club 678, which served 1,250 youths over the summer and is 100% cost recovery. Ms. McKallor-Quill gave information on the summer camps' activities, specialty classes, and creative play time. Ms. Nakagawa reported on the summer excursions to Eldorado and McDowell Mtn. Ranch pools and the Diamondback baseball game.

Answers to questions and comments from the Commission followed the presentation, which included:

- ▶ The summer programs were full for three out of the four sessions offered.
- ▶ There are scholarships available at a 50% and 75% rate.

**9. UPDATE ON CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR REALLOCATION OF BOND FUNDS TO SPORTS FIELD LIGHTING**

Tim Barnard, Parks and Recreation Manager, provided an update on the reallocation of bond funding from Troon North Park Project P0707 to Sports Lighting Expansion and Upgrade P9904, which will include Mohave Middle School and Horizon Park ballfields, which have old and very energy inefficient lighting. The light fixture replacements will be more energy efficient, therefore reducing operational costs and adding a multi-purpose component to the fields. With the possibility of a savings on the Troon North project, Scottsdale Ranch Park would be upgraded as well. Mr. Barnard reported that an

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RFP would be drafted in the coming weeks and then be released for competitive bids for the Horizon and Scottsdale Ranch Park lights.

Answers to questions and comments from the Commission followed the presentation, which included:

- ▶ Chaparral and Eldorado have not been considered for upgrades at this time because they both have had ballfield lighting upgrades within the last four years which utilize the newer efficient technology.
- ▶ Appreciation for user groups and IGA school sites that have partnered with the city in paying for these upgrades.
- ▶ The newer technology has the benefit of 'light cutoff' which results in less lighting spill and glare for neighborhoods abutting the fields.

#### 10. COMMISSIONER REPORT

- ▶ Chair Koczka attended the Mayor's breakfast at the Gateway;
- ▶ Commissioner Alspaugh attended the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park Railfair.

#### 11. DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF CURRENT EVENTS (A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K))

Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director, updated the Commission on the status of events and activities of the Parks and Recreation Department, which included:

- ▶ Scottsdale being chosen, for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, as one of 100 best communities for young people by America's Promise Alliance.
- ▶ Community Services will receive a grant of \$160,000 from the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community.
- ▶ Matt Mays, Recreation Leader II in Adapted Recreation, was recognized as a 'Community Hero' for his volunteerism.

#### 12. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

#### 13. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorelei Oien  
Administrative Secretary

Meets established criteria,  
Janice M. Cameron  
Director, Parks and Recreation

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